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*A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin,
and culture is like a tree without roots.*

~ Marcus Garvey

OUR VISION

Mount Zion is called to be a Christ-Centered Church that addresses the needs of the total person through:

- Liberating worship
- Life-transforming Christian Education
- Progressive and timely ministries
- Effective social activism

OUR MISSION

Mount Zion Baptist Church exists to:

- Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- Develop mature Christian disciples
- Empower the hurting for victorious living
- Seek God's justice in the world

Scripture References:

Mark 16:15 and Matthew 28:19-20, 25:34-40

One God... One People... One Purpose

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THE GREAT COMMISSION



“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28: 18-20

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Welcome
to Mount Zion

PUBLICATIONS

THE MESSENGER, our Church bulletin, is distributed every Sunday. Announcements should be sent to Publications.

Weekly bulletin announcements are due by **3:00 p.m. on Wednesday.**

THE ZIONEWS is distributed on the first Sunday of each month; it is also available on the website: www.mountzion.net.

The deadline for submitting articles is the

15TH OF EACH MONTH.

You may send articles and announcements via e-mail to ycarr@mountzionseattle.org. Mount Zion information receives priority and all other announcements and articles will be considered based on space availability and content.

The Zionews Coordinating Committee was organized in 1956 by Deacon Tom Brown under the pastorate of Reverend Gil B. Lloyd.

Charter members included Edith Smith, Bessie Lyles, and Alva Smith. F. J. Johnson, Jr. was the editor of the first edition published in 1957.

That same year, the Committee expanded to include Yvonne Beatty, Zelda Brown, Clara Coleman, Nora Hatter, Helen Hornbuckle, Willie Horton, Katherine Houston, Linzy Macklin, Marguerite Robinett, S.C. Valley and Barbara Washington.

The mimeographed, hand-stapled Zionews was distributed every Sunday after Church services.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



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Mr. Alvin Whittaker
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Dr. R. Y. Woodhouse
Ms. Sylvia Young

Praying for Healing and Recovery

With Sympathy

Our condolences, love, prayers, and support are extended to the family and friends of
Mrs. LaVerne M. Carter, sister of Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn; service July 3rd in Richmond, VA.
Mrs. Amanda Price Robinson (Chicago, IL.), sister-in-law of Angela Burgess; arrangements pending



In Loving Memory

Brother Robert L. Coleman, Jr.
February 28, 1935 - May 7, 2026

Deacon Emerita Moszell H. Pennington
July 10, 1934 - May 28, 2026



SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

PRAY MORE...WORRY LESS

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened; and I will give you rest.....Matthew 11:28.

JULY THEME: *From Worriers to Prayer Warriors*

We've all experienced the favor of God and we've seen His gracious hand move in our lives; time and time again. Yet, there are instances when we allow worrying to seep in and take control. When this happens, make those worries your "*prayer points.*" Every time a stressful thought such as health, finances, difficult co-workers, family issues, etc. come into play, turn them into a specific prayer. Thanking God for what He has already done will help to ground us in the moment and counteract anxiety. In her purposeful devotional guide, Donna Maltse, encourages us to let our petitions and praises shape our worries into prayers. *Instead of worrying..... **PRAY!***

COMPANION SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:25-27

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

Jesus asks the question....Who, by worrying can add a single hour to their life? The answer emphasizes that worry achieves nothing, and shows a lack of trust in God. Rather than letting worry compound the situation, bring those worrisome thoughts directly to God, our divine burden bearer!

PRAYER FOCUS: *Cast All Your Cares Upon the Lord*

Casting all of our cares upon the Lord will require praying and letting go! In other words, surrender our worries, fears, and burdens to the Lord. We should talk to God about our specific worries; name them, admit our inability to fix them on our own, leave them in God's hand, and rely on His strength to help us overcome.

Using this prayerful mindset replaces anxiousness with faith. Instead of carrying the heavy burden of what ifs, or the weight of stress, this approach encourages us to cast our cares upon the Lord. Trust Him to handle every aspect of our life. God cares deeply for us and He's greater, stronger, and bigger than our problems.

Be a part of the Prayer Movement in 2026 on Wednesday nights from 6:00 to 6:50 p.m. via the Prayer-Line. The number to call is **425-436-6306**; enter **access code 147230#**.

Deacon Leslyn Pettitt and Deaconess Doris Smith, Diaconate Ministry

TUESDAY NIGHT TEACHING (TNT) ~ 7:00 P.M.

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Theme: *While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks*

Rev. Dr. Julie L. Vaughn, Instructor

July 7th - Productivity, 2 Peter 1: 8

July 14th - Reproduction, Genesis 1: 28

July 21st - Think Flock, 1 Peter 5: 2

July 28th - Finding Good Help, 1Peter 5: 2 (NASB)

WEDNESDAY VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY ~ 7:00 P.M.

The Book of Acts Author: Luke

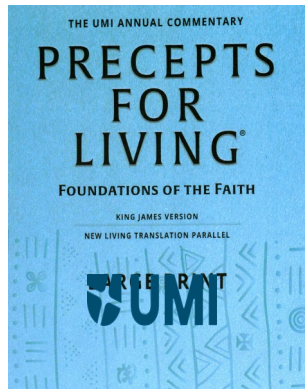
Rev. Dr. Phyllis R. Beaumonte, Instructor

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83104471025?pwd=UPrJyAk86XqoscAPdiuZbfHFAkJin.1>

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JULY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS



Precepts For Living®: Foundations of Faith is a book designed to explore key teachings and answer important questions about our Christian faith. It helps to encourage us as seasoned disciples, introduce new believers to the truth of the Bible, and prepare all believers to share and defend the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

It includes weekly Bible study guides, daily Bible readings, Black History profiles and QR codes for additional resources.

Dr. Melvin E. Banks, Sr., Founding Publisher

July 7, 2026

Embrace Salvation, Avoid Distractions

Titus 3:1-11

How does God's grace transform us? What should our attitude be toward those who cause division? This passage highlights God's mercy and grace in salvation, urging believers to live peaceful and respectable lives and to avoid foolish controversies.

July 14, 2026

Christ Our Great High Priest

Hebrews 4:14-5:10

How does Jesus understand our weaknesses? This passage portrays Jesus as the compassionate High Priest who understands our struggles and offers us access to God's grace.

July 21, 2026

Faith Without Works Is Dead

James 2:14-26

How is genuine faith demonstrated? What does it mean that faith without works is dead? This passage argues that true faith is always accompanied by actions, showing that faith is not merely intellectual activity but a living, active trust in God

July 28, 2026

Live Holy Lives

1 Peter 1:12-19

Why is it important to be reminded of the truth? How do the scriptures confirm our faith? This passage calls believers to set their hope fully on God's grace and to live lives of holiness, loving one another fervently.



Dr. Georgia S. McDade, Sunday School Superintendent

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.

~ M.L.K., Jr.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Pre-School - 2nd Grade ~ 9:00 a.m., Room 205
Sisters Carol Bell, Belinda Butler-Bell and Daphne Piggee, Instructors

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10:00 a.m. ~ Room 205
Sisters Deborah Hilsman and Gwen Howard, Instructors

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Grades 3 - 5. ~ 9:00 a.m., Room 212B
Contact Dr. Karen Jackson, Instructor - karjackson9@gmail.com 206.605.1288



YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ~ YOUTH LOUNGE

9:00 a.m. ~ Sister Debra Coleman, Instructor

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS #2 IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

8:45 a.m. ~ Room 206
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86540264986?pwd=SXhzZDBBRkdzWEJzWTZ0bDlhcFtUT09>
Meeting ID: 865 4026 4986 Password: 311725#
One tap mobile: +12532158782...86540264986#...0#...311725# US (Tacoma)
Dr. Georgia McDade, Sunday School Superintendent

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS #3 IN-PERSON

Room 206 at 9:00 a.m.
Min. Edward Jackson and Sister Maxine Moore, Instructors

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS #4 FACEBOOK

9:30 a.m. | Facebook
www.facebook.com/MountZionAdultSundaySchool
Dr. Virgie Harris-Haley, Instructor

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VIRTUAL TUESDAY NIGHT TEACHING (TNT)

7:00 p.m. ~ Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn, Instructor

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UNITY SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE ~ JULY 19TH

Third Sundays at 5:00 p.m. Deaconess Doris Smith, Coordinator
Use your cell phone to call 425.436.6306. The access code is 147230#

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WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE

6:00 p.m. ~ *Let Your Light Shine Brightly for Christ*
Use your cell phone to call 425.436.6306. The access code is 147230#
Diaconate

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WEDNESDAY VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

7:00 p.m. The Book of Acts
Rev. Dr. Phyllis Beaumonte, Instructor

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PRAYERLINE TELECONFERENCE SERVICE

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY at 7:00 a.m.
MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY at 7:30 p.m.
Use your cell phone to call 425.436.6306. The access code is 147230#
Sister Elma Horton, Coordinator 206.325.6941



JULY CHURCH CALENDAR

July 2026						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

WEEKLY IN-PERSON

SUNDAY - SUNDAY SCHOOL: 8:45 A.M., #114, 205, 206, 208 & 212B
 SUNDAY - WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:00 A.M., SANCTUARY
 SUNDAY - CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 10:00 A.M., ROOM 205
 SATURDAY - TEAM ISSACHAR: 10:00 A.M., #117
 SATURDAY - CHOIR REHEARSAL: NOON, SANCTUARY
 THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS
 OFFICE HOURS: 11:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

JULY IS AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR AFRICAN ATTIRE THIS MONTH.



IN-PERSON MEETINGS AND EVENTS

JULY 5TH - HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M.
 FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR FOLLOWING THE SERVICE, FELLOWSHIP HALL
 JULY 11TH - YOUTH USHERS - 10:00 A.M.
 JULY 12TH - GRADUATE RECOGNITION/SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M.
SENIOR PASTOR-ELECT CHARLES R. JOHNSON, SR. WILL PREACH
 RECEPTION AFTER THE SERVICE, FELLOWSHIP HALL
 JULY 14TH - MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM - 11:00 A.M., #206
 JULY 15TH - AARP - NOON, PARLOR
 JULY 17TH - GOD'S GROCERIES - NOON, NORTH PARKING LOT
 JULY 19 - YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M.
 JULY 28TH - AFRICAN FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY SUNDAY SERVICE - 10:00 A.M.
SENIOR PASTOR-ELECT CHARLES R. JOHNSON, SR. WILL PREACH

MOBILE

CALL 425.436.6306 CODE 147230#
 JULY 1ST, 8TH, 15TH, 22ND AND 29TH - DIACONATE WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE AT 6:00 P.M.
 JULY 19TH - SUNDAY UNITY SERVICE AT 5:00 P.M., DEACONESS DORIS SMITH, COORDINATOR
 MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY - PRAYERLINE AT 7:00 A.M.
 MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY - PRAYERLINE AT 7:30 P.M.
 ELMA HORTON, COORDINATOR



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WITH US*

 livestream

Sundays at
10:00 a.m.

HONORING MRS. PHYLLIS M. BYRDWELL
MOUNT ZION MINISTER OF MUSIC

The poster features a portrait of Mrs. Phyllis M. Byrdwell on the left, wearing a blue shirt and glasses. The church logo is in the top left, and the '60th Anniversary' text is in large green letters with a gold banner. The title 'CELEBRATION' is in large green letters, followed by 'A Legacy of Excellence' in a cursive font. Below that, it says 'CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF MUSIC MINISTRY HONORING Mrs. Phyllis M. Byrdwell'. A quote from Psalm 96:1 is included. The bottom section is split into two columns for Saturday and Sunday events.

MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

60TH ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATION

A Legacy of *Excellence*

CELEBRATING **60 YEARS** OF MUSIC MINISTRY
HONORING *Mrs. Phyllis M. Byrdwell*

*“Sing to the Lord a new song;
Sing to the Lord all the earth.”*
PSALM 96:1

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12
EVENING DINNER & CELEBRATION
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13
CELEBRATING MS. B. IN WORSHIP
RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Please contact Rev. Dr. Patricia L. Hunter, Brenda Charles-Edwards and/or Yvonne Ervin Carr, Planning Committee, for more information.

“PEOPLE GET READY” MOUNT ZION CELEBRATES FATHERS, BROTHERHOOD, AND A NEW SEASON OF GRACE

"People get ready, there's a train a-coming. You don't need no ticket, you just get on board."

With those memorable words, Dr. Charlie Walker, III opened a Father's Day celebration that blended worship, history, laughter, inspiration, and hope. By the end of the service, many in the sanctuary sensed that Mount Zion Baptist Church was doing more than celebrating fathers—it was preparing for a new season in the life of the church.

The morning worship service honored fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, mentors, teachers, coaches, and all who have helped guide the next generation. Music filled the sanctuary as the Combined choir, under the direction of Mrs. Phyllis Byrdwell, lifted voices and hearts in praise, reminding the congregation that God's grace continues to sustain His people through every season of life.

A highlight of the morning was the presentation by the Mount Zion Brotherhood. Under the leadership of Minister and President Nathaniel R. "Nate" Miles, the Brotherhood continues its tradition of fellowship, faith, leadership, and service. President Miles was recognized for servant leadership in action, building relationships across nonprofit organizations and working collaboratively with city, county, state, and national leaders to identify opportunities that strengthen both church and community. His leadership reflects Mount Zion's longstanding belief that faith belongs not only in the sanctuary, but also in the neighborhoods, institutions, and communities we serve.



Pulpit program participants included Deacon Lawrence Adeyemi, Ayden Brown, Dennis Carlisle, William Jackson, Harold Kelsie, Clifton Marshall, Min. Nate R. Miles, Patience Mizero, Deacon Albert Mungin, Jr., Robert Thomas, Deacon Michael Twiggs, and Dr. Charlie Walker, III

The men of the congregation stood together in a powerful moment of unity and affirmation, declaring: **"We are men. Servants of the Lord."**

The service then turned toward the day's message as Pastor Charles R. Johnson, Sr. stepped to the pulpit with warmth, humor, and unmistakable energy. Preaching from Ephesians 3:9, Pastor Johnson delivered a Father's Day message entitled: ***"The Godly Father: Our Views, Our Visions, and Our Victory."***



While anchored in the ninth verse, Pastor Johnson walked the congregation back through the entire chapter, showing how God's grace had transformed the life of the Apostle Paul. Grace, he explained, was given, grace was a gift, grace was global, grace groomed Paul, and grace gripped Paul. The same grace, he reminded the congregation, is still at work in our lives today.

“PEOPLE GET READY”



Speaking directly to fathers, Pastor Johnson challenged the congregation to reconsider the narrative surrounding Black fatherhood.

"Many times fathers today have been given a bad rap," he declared. "We want to rush to say what Black fathers are not doing when many times we don't give them the credit for what they are doing."

The message was both honest and encouraging. Fathers were reminded to take responsibility for past mistakes, but not to become prisoners of them. In one of the morning's most memorable moments, Pastor Johnson observed: **"The devil will always talk about your past, but God always wants to deal with your future."**

Using the Apostle Paul's life as an example, Pastor Johnson emphasized that God's grace is greater than failure, greater than regret, and greater than yesterday. Through Christ, men and women alike can move forward into the future God has prepared for them.

Perhaps the most memorable illustration came when Pastor Johnson described an airplane circling in a holding pattern above New Jersey while waiting for clearance to land. Many believers, he explained, become frustrated when life seems uncertain. Sometimes God places His people in a holding pattern, not to punish them, but to prepare them. "Don't fear. Don't fret," Pastor Johnson encouraged. "You're just in a holding pattern."

And when the congregation needed a practical takeaway, he delivered one they are not likely to forget: **"Turn it off and fly higher."**

As the sermon moved toward its conclusion, Pastor Johnson reminded the church that every paradox, every challenge, and every season of uncertainty ultimately points believers back to the presence and purpose of God. Mount Zion, he said, has a future because God has a plan.

As the congregation prepares for Pastor Johnson's first full month of leadership this July, there is a growing sense of anticipation throughout the church. The legacy built by generations of faithful saints remains strong. The Brotherhood continues its work under the leadership of Minister and President Nate Miles. New generations are stepping forward to serve.

And as Dr. Charlie Walker III reminded us:

"People get ready, there's a train a-coming. You don't need no ticket, you just get on board."

Pastor Johnson's train arrives this July. Mount Zion is already gathering at the station.



Submitted with abundant love,

Brother William Jackson, Communications


Minister Nathaniel R. Miles, Brotherhood Ministry President

NPBC 127TH ANNUAL CONVENTION AND CONGRESS

Get ready for our 127th Annual Session and Congress of Christian Education!

Join us July 20 - 22 at **Shiloh Baptist Church of Tacoma, WA** for three days of praise, worship, edification, and fellowship.

Visit www.thenpbc.org/annual-session for registration details and more!.




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ANNUAL SESSION
AND CONGRESS OF
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

JULY 20-22, 2026


Shiloh Baptist Church
Tacoma, Washington

BUILDING THE CHURCH THROUGH
EVANGELISM, STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH
THROUGH DISCIPLESHIP

Matthew 28:19-20; Ephesians 4:11-13



Rev. Dr. Robert L. Manaway Sr.
Convention President



Rev. Chavis Young
Congress President

WWW.THENPBC.COM/ANNUAL-SESSION

NPBC ANNUAL ELMA O. HORTON PRAYER WALK

NORTH PACIFIC BAPTIST CONVENTION WOMEN'S AUXILIARY



Elma O. Horton **FELLOWSHIP PRAYER WALK** **AUGUST 1, 2026**

Join us for our Annual Fellowship Prayer Walk to raise funds for the Woman's Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention USA Incorporated's Home Mission, Foreign Mission and American Baptist College.

Visit www.thenpbc.org/fellowship-prayer-walk-1

BREMERTON
9AM

Evergreen Park
1500 Park Avenue

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Nell Golden-Stewart
(360) 981-9335

SEATTLE
8AM

Renton Memorial
Stadium
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(206) 941-6770

SPOKANE
9AM

Grant Park
1054 S Arthur St

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(509) 280-6552

TACOMA
9AM

Judge Jack Tanner Park
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Sister Lynn Miller, Women's President
Reverend Dr. Robert L. Manaway Sr., Convention President



Reverend Dr. Julie L. Vaughn, Women's Ministry President
Mount Zion Baptist Church ~ Seattle, WA



High School

GRADS

2026

Tahlia A. Price



Rainier Beach High School
Seattle Central College
Business and Finance

Sumaiya Shirazy



Henry M. Jackson
High School



Jordan Bennett
Garfield High School
San Francisco City College
Electrical Engineering

Everett Community College
Nursing

Undergraduates

**Angela "Angie"
Burgess**



North Seattle College
Washington State Early
Childhood Education
Certification

Nahjé Daniel

Arizona State University
W. P. Carey School of Business
Bachelor of Arts
Business and Sports Business



Eva Hightower



Howard University
Washington, DC
Bachelor of Fine Arts
Animation and
Interactive Media

College

GRADUATES

Class of

2026

Graduate Student

Kristen Coote

University of Washington
Master of Health Informatics and
Health Information Management



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRADUATE RECOGNITION/SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY SUNDAY ~ JULY 12TH

The Ministry of Christian Education will recognize the Class of 2026 graduates and the Scholarship Ministry will present our award recipients on July 12th. We are excited to announce that Pastor Johnson will be preaching!

Rev. Dr. Julie L. Vaughn, MCE Director and Jeremiah Hobbs, Scholarship Ministry Chair

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SUMMER VACATION

Children's Church will be closed on July 19th and August 9th through September 6th. We'll have a grand reopening on September 13th. Thank you.

Deborah Hilsman, Coordinator

JULY IS AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH AT MOUNT ZION THE AFRICAN FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY (AFM) WILL OBSERVE ITS 25 ANNIVERSARY



In 2001, *Deacons Lawrence and Florence Adeyemi* started the African Fellowship Ministry in faith under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. Leslie Braxton. AFM began as a bridge connecting native-born Africans, African Americans, contemporary Africans in Diaspora and the diverse communities --through innovative education, vibrant spiritual and community empowerment programs planned and sponsored by AFM.

Pastor Johnson will return and preach for this service.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Pastoral Installation Weekend for Reverend Charles R. Johnson, Sr.

The Installation Planning Committee is seeking volunteers to help make Pastor Charles R. Johnson's Installation Weekend a memorable and successful celebration.

There are opportunities to serve on several committees, including Family and Guest Hospitality, First Lady Luncheon, Transportation, Installation Worship Service, Installation Banquet, Decorations, Souvenir Book and Publicity..

If you are willing to share your time and talents, please stop by the Installation Committee table after services to complete a Volunteer Interest Form. Committee members will be available to answer your questions.

We encourage every member to prayerfully consider serving. Thank you for helping us extend the warm hospitality and spirit of excellence that define Mount Zion Baptist Church The success of this special occasion depends on our church family working together.

You may also support this memorable occasion by purchasing an advertisement in our Souvenir Book chaired by Sarah JE Dean: pastoralinstallationsouvenirbook@mountzionseattle.org.

There is a place for everyone to serve as we celebrate God's faithfulness and welcome Pastor Johnson!

Gloria Bennett, Installation Planning Committee Chairperson

TRUSTEE CORNER

GIVING ENVELOPES:

Membership giving envelopes are available for pick up in the lobby after the service today. Please fill out a giving envelope request form or call the office if you do not have a packet and we will gladly make labels for you. We will need your name, membership number, and address. Erica Thomas, office volunteer, will coordinate this project.

Current Trustees include Joel Hobbs, II, Chairperson; Mary Hopkins, Vice-Chairperson; Tanya Jimale, Treasurer; Lisa Kelsie Carter, Financial Secretary; Harry Bailey, Sam Bell, Dennis Carlisle, Brenda Charles-Edwards, Jeri Harris, and Dr. Charlie Walker, III.

WAYS TO GIVE CHEERFULLY AND GENEROUSLY

To help maintain our daily operations, the Trustees encourage you to

- (1) **MAIL** your tithes, offering and donations to the church. Please include your membership number on your giving envelope and **send check/money order payable to Mount Zion.**
- (2) Use your cell phone to **TEXT MZBC** and enter **73256.**
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MINISTRY MILESTONE: FORTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY HONORING REVEREND DR. PATRICIA L. HUNTER



June marked the Forty-fifth Anniversary in Ministry for **The Reverend Dr. Patricia Latrice Hunter**. Multi-talented, dedicated and committed to excellence, Rev. Dr. Hunter has provided spiritual leadership to Mount Zion Baptist Church and other faith communities throughout this nation with dignity, grace and the love of God in her heart

Carr Notes honors and highlights some of Reverend Dr. Hunter's outstanding achievements. Although we did not have a formal celebration, you are all encouraged to be creative in your expressions of recognition and appreciation to Rev. Dr. Hunter for her exemplary Christian service. Cards and love gifts may be mailed/delivered in her name c/o Mount Zion.

Rev. Dr. Hunter is a woman of many firsts: **she was the first woman to be licensed and ordained by Mount Zion Baptist Church and the first African American Woman to serve as Co-Director of American Baptist Women in Ministry. While working for the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board (MMBB), she became the first African American woman to receive her designation as a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professional.**

Dr. Hunter values education. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Seattle University in Business Administration; Master of Divinity degree from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in Rochester, New York; and Doctor of Ministry degree from Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri.

Highly respected, Dr. Hunter receives numerous requests to speak at national workshops and seminars. She has also taught several courses at local colleges and universities; she was a Faith and Values columnist for the Seattle Times newspaper for over ten years



Rev. Dr. Hunter loves to preach and proclaims the gospel from a Womanist theological perspective. She served on the pastoral staff of Seattle First Baptist Church as Theologian in Residence and Pastor of Education and Outreach. In the early years of her ministry, she served Mount Zion Baptist Church as Assistant Pastor under the leadership of Dr. Samuel B. McKinney. Leading over 100 children annually in Vacation Bible Study was the highlight of those ministry years. During the COVID pandemic Dr. Hunter served as Minister of Worship for the Interim and was subsequently called as the Interim Pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church. Currently Rev. Dr. Hunter is one of the Associate Ministers of Mount Zion and a member of the Finance Ministry.



Rev. Dr. Hunter believes in working in community and served as Co-Chair on the Seattle Police Commission and Interim Executive Director for Faith Matters Network where she continues to be the Board Treasurer.

Music has always been a vital part of Dr. Hunter's life, and she has participated in Mount Zion's music ministry for over 50 years. She plays percussion with the University of Washington Gospel Choir under the leadership of Mrs. Phyllis Byrdwell, and she is Board Treasurer for Resounding Love Center for the Arts where she also sings soprano.

Dr. Hunter is married to Rev. Dr. Renee McCoy and together they enjoy cooking, gardening, and playing with their 5-year-old black labs, Howard and Harper.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION RETREAT REFLECTION

“EQUIPPING BELIEVERS FOR GOD’S GLORY” - EPHESIANS 4:11-12

We give God thanks for a powerful and Spirit-filled Christian Education Retreat centered on the theme, **“Equipping Believers for God’s Glory.”** This retreat reminded us that God has called each of us to grow, serve, and build up the Body of Christ.

We began on Friday evening with a meaningful Meet & Greet fellowship, where we were blessed to hear from



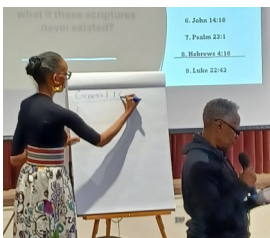
Dr. Lora-Ellen McKinney. She spoke with clarity and conviction about the need to modernize Christian Education in the African American church. Dr. McKinney also shared several of her authored works, including *8 Strategies for Managing Conflict in the African American Church*, *Total Praise!*, *Christian Education in the African American Church: A Guide for Teaching Truth*, and *The Unofficial Baptist Handbook*, providing valuable resources for ministry leaders.

Our facilitator, **Rev. Patricia Austin, Director of Christian Education at First Baptist Church of South Richmond,** guided us throughout the retreat with insight

and purpose. She introduced a pre-retreat questionnaire that encouraged reflection and helped frame our learning experience. Through her teaching, we explored the current realities of the church, including declining attendance, weakened discipleship, generational disengagement—especially among youth—and the need for stronger leadership development. She challenged us to address the technological and cultural shifts and the breakdown of family-based discipleship.



On the second day, we continued to be enriched through dynamic and engaging sessions. **Dr. McKinney** returned and led with power, reinforcing the importance of effective and transformative Christian Education.



We were also blessed by **Rev. Dr. Phyllis Beaumonte** who shared her book and emphasized the importance of spiritual formation as a foundation for growth and discipleship.

The atmosphere was interactive and energizing as participants were up on their feet—walking, singing, and fully engaging in their faith. We witnessed a well-designed, Spirit-led approach to learning in action. By the time sessions concluded, we had been filled—both physically through fellowship and the delicious meals prepared by **Catherine Marshall** and spiritually through powerful teaching.

Rev. Pat stayed to attend the Sunday worship service on .

The message was clear: we are called to do our part in equipping believers for God’s glory, just as Scripture reminds us in Ephesians 4:11–12.



Rev. Dr. Julie L. Vaughn, Ministry of Christian Education Director



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Team Issachar

Team Issachar Mentorship Program invites all young men, ages 10 to 18 to join them on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. at Mount Zion Baptist Church.



TI PLEDGE

I will set my standards high and not let others bring them down!

Proverbs 1:10

I will give respect because I want to be respected!

Matthew 7:12

I will make wise decisions to insure my success!

Matthew 6:33

I will RISE...

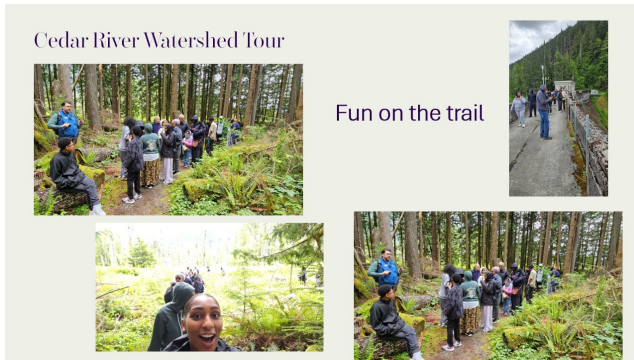
Because I can!!!

John 5:8 and Philippians 4:13



We appreciate **Enovi Chandler and the Seattle Public Utilities Team** for coordinating our visit to the Cedar River Watershed! We were joined by AB Girl's Ministry. We thank **Jamekia Nelson** for coordinating this tour of our vitally important water supply!

Leonard Elion, TI Coordinator/Mentor



Keep up with TI programs and events; visit our website, YouRise.net!

PRISON MINISTRY

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM



THANK YOU to those who showed up for our Prison Ministry Sunday, June 14th, 2026. Your love and support is appreciated as we build understanding, bridges and solidarity within our community.

Devita Ingram Esq., Director of Seattle/ King County African American Reparations Committee spoke about reparations and mass incarceration.



Jon Zylstra, founder of Seattle Clemency Project, shared information about clemency, hope and the possibilities for release from prison for those over sentenced, innocent, facing deportation, and those being resented.

Dr. Gilda Sheppard, Director, Producer, and Writer of the award-winning documentary, “Since I Been Down,” showed footage of youth in prison with long and life sentences that are now in our community.

Building Positive Communities:

We had a panel of formerly imprisoned men who answered audience members’ questions to educate and enlighten.



We prepared and served a delicious lunch with desserts.



The worship service sermon by **Minister David B. Taylor** was on “What Are You Doing Here?” Dr. Gilda Sheppard followed up by asking: “What does Grace and Mercy mean to you?”

It was a Beautiful Day!

*Submitted by Janet Jones-Preston, Prison Ministry Coordinator
Mattie Taplin, Missions and Evangelism Chairperson*

NCNW LILLIAN M. GIDEON SCHOLARSHIP

Lillian M. Gideon Legacy Award

The **Seattle Section of The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW)** has established the **Lillian M. Gideon Legacy Award** to provide continuing educational opportunities for African American women residing and/or working in Martin Luther King, Jr. County. Mrs. Gideon, a dedicated volunteer and philanthropist, was a co-founder and charter member of the Seattle Section.



Committed to academic excellence, NCNW will award a minimum of \$1000.00 towards tuition and/or books for the 2026-2027 school year to deserving applicants. **Recipients must have completed one year of vocational training or undergraduate study at an accredited institution of higher learning.** Notification of Awards will be made in August.

Applicants will be considered based on the following criteria:

- 2.5+ G.P.A.
- Leadership Skills
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- School and Community Service
- Financial Need

Applicants must submit the following information no later than **July 15, 2026**:

- Application Form
- Personal Essay (500 words maximum)
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- Academic Recommendation from an instructor, counselor or administrator
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Completed applications should be mailed to **Yvonne Ervin Carr**, Lillian M. Gideon Legacy Award Committee Chair
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Guest Speaker
Loria Yeadon, CEO
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SARAH JE DEAN RECEIVES COMMUNITY LEGACY TRAILBLAZER AWARD



The congregation celebrates one of our own, **Sarah J. E. Dean**, who was recently honored with the **Community Legacy Trailblazer Recognition** during the inaugural Women in Leadership Luncheon hosted by the Professional Women of Color Network (PWCN).

Held at Cedarbrook Lodge in SeaTac, the luncheon brought together more than sixty women leaders from Washington State representing business, government, education, civic and nonprofit organizations.

Sarah received a surprise recognition celebrating her many decades of leadership mentorship, and unwavering commitment to creating opportunities for women and strengthening communities throughout Washington State.

In addition to serving as the Executive Director of the Miss Black Washington USA Scholarship Pageant, Sarah is President of the NCNW Rocky Mountain Regional Coalition and has dedicated countless hours to mentoring emerging leaders and serving organizations that make a difference throughout our region.

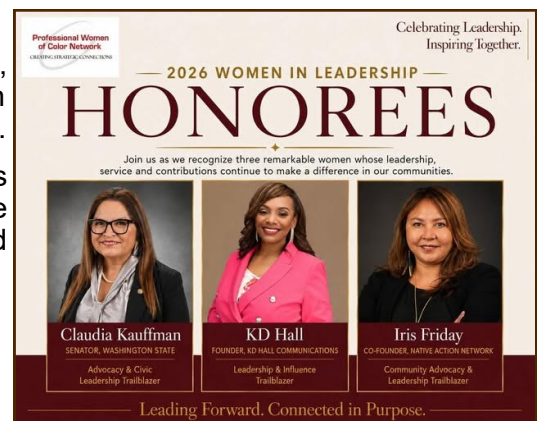


The Community Legacy Trailblazer Recognition honors individuals whose leadership, commitment and service have created a lasting impact across generations. Those who know Sarah understand that this recognition reflects years of generosity and faithful dedication to lifting others.

Other honorees included Washington State Senator, Claudia Kauffman; Iris Friday, Co-Founder of Native Action Network; and KD Hall, Founder of KD Hall Communications.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Sarah on this well deserved honor and thank her for the example she continues to set through her leadership, commitment and service to our community.

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Matthew 5:16



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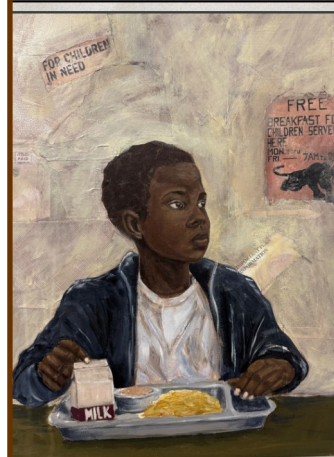
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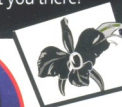
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